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10 FILES IN THE FILE LIST

=> s carbon(2a)(flux or flow)

FILE 'MEDLINE'

165595 CARBON

17572 FLUX

253492 FLOW

L1 511 CARBON (2A) (FLUX OR FLOW)

FILE 'SCISEARCH'

223808 CARBON

85096 FLUX

387138 FLOW

L2 1852 CARBON (2A) (FLUX OR FLOW)

FILE 'LIFESCI'

34804 CARBON

8025 FLUX

35825 FLOW

L3 735 CARBON(2A) (FLUX OR FLOW)

FILE 'BIOTECHDS'

8112 CARBON

1107 FLUX

9793 FLOW

L4 165 CARBON(2A)(FLUX OR FLOW)

FILE 'BIOSIS'

199958 CARBON

35451 FLUX

272543 FLOW

L5 2389 CARBON(2A) (FLUX OR FLOW)

FILE 'EMBASE'

106181 CARBON

20902 FLUX

264832 FLOW

L6 639 CARBON(2A) (FLUX OR FLOW)

FILE 'HCAPLUS'

733260 CARBON

168322 FLUX

521084 FLOW

L7 3658 CARBON(2A) (FLUX OR FLOW)

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FILE 'NTIS'
         66895 CARBON
         34694 FLUX
        156247 FLOW
L8
           234 CARBON (2A) (FLUX OR FLOW)
FILE 'ESBIOBASE'
         31445 CARBON
          8657 FLUX
         47993 FLOW
           562 CARBON(2A) (FLUX OR FLOW)
L9
FILE 'BIOTECHNO'
         25115 CARBON
          5096 FLUX
         34964 FLOW
           350 CARBON (2A) (FLUX OR FLOW)
TOTAL FOR ALL FILES
L11
         11095 CARBON(2A) (FLUX OR FLOW)
=> s lll(6a)(modif? or alter? or increas?)
FILE 'MEDLINE'
        247875 MODIF?
        458113 ALTER?
       1365059 INCREAS?
            59 L1 (6A) (MODIF? OR ALTER? OR INCREAS?)
L12
FILE 'SCISEARCH'
        314906 MODIF?
        412512 ALTER?
       1214418 INCREAS?
L13
           116 L2 (6A) (MODIF? OR ALTER? OR INCREAS?)
FILE 'LIFESCI'
         69113 MODIF?
        125281 ALTER?
        359025 INCREAS?
L14
            65 L3 (6A) (MODIF? OR ALTER? OR INCREAS?)
FILE 'BIOTECHDS'
         19630 MODIF?
         14000 ALTER?
         43431 INCREAS?
L15
            30 L4 (6A) (MODIF? OR ALTER? OR INCREAS?)
FILE 'BIOSIS'
        275774 MODIF?
        703175 ALTER?
       1560260 INCREAS?
L16
           141 L5 (6A) (MODIF? OR ALTER? OR INCREAS?)
FILE 'EMBASE'
        239269 MODIF?
        449466 ALTER?
       1353635 INCREAS?
L17
            68 L6 (6A) (MODIF? OR ALTER? OR INCREAS?)
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FILE 'HCAPLUS'
        588225 MODIF?
        543346 ALTER?
       2542153 INCREAS?
           141 L7 (6A) (MODIF? OR ALTER? OR INCREAS?)
L18
FILE 'NTIS'
         91273 MODIF?
         83295 ALTER?
        165754 INCREAS?
             9 L8 (6A) (MODIF? OR ALTER? OR INCREAS?)
L19
FILE 'ESBIOBASE'
         70732 MODIF?
        113735 ALTER?
        341323 INCREAS?
            52 L9 (6A) (MODIF? OR ALTER? OR INCREAS?)
L20
FILE 'BIOTECHNO'
         60585 MODIF?
        105671 ALTER?
        273906 INCREAS?
            38 L10(6A) (MODIF? OR ALTER? OR INCREAS?)
TOTAL FOR ALL FILES
           719 L11(6A) (MODIF? OR ALTER? OR INCREAS?)
=> s (phosphoenolpyruvate or (phospho enol or phosphoenol)(w)pyruvate or
pep)(4a)(suppl#### or availab?)
FILE 'MEDLINE'
          5527 PHOSPHOENOLPYRUVATE
          2515 PHOSPHO
           596 ENOL
            55 PHOSPHO ENOL
                  (PHOSPHO(W)ENOL)
           206 PHOSPHOENOL
         20967 PYRUVATE
          2442 PEP
        270502 SUPPL####
        203666 AVAILAB?
            27 (PHOSPHOENOLPYRUVATE OR (PHOSPHO ENOL OR PHOSPHOENOL) (W) PYRUVATE
L23
                OR PEP) (4A) (SUPPL#### OR AVAILAB?)
FILE 'SCISEARCH'
          4795 PHOSPHOENOLPYRUVATE
          1961 PHOSPHO
          5686 ENOL
            58 PHOSPHO ENOL
                  (PHOSPHO(W)ENOL)
           187 PHOSPHOENOL
         15215 PYRUVATE
          2080 PEP
         78325 SUPPL####
        223789 AVAILAB?
            35 (PHOSPHOENOLPYRUVATE OR (PHOSPHO ENOL OR PHOSPHOENOL) (W) PYRUVATE
L24
                 OR PEP) (4A) (SUPPL#### OR AVAILAB?)
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FILE 'LIFESCI'

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1795 PHOSPHOENOLPYRUVATE
           923 "PHOSPHO"
           206 "ENOL"
            17 PHOSPHO ENOL
                 ("PHOSPHO"(W)"ENOL")
           101 PHOSPHOENOL
          4911 PYRUVATE
           720 PEP
         17032 SUPPL####
         63252 AVAILAB?
            14 (PHOSPHOENOLPYRUVATE OR (PHOSPHO ENOL OR PHOSPHOENOL) (W) PYRUVATE
L25
                OR PEP) (4A) (SUPPL#### OR AVAILAB?)
FILE 'BIOTECHDS'
           304 PHOSPHOENOLPYRUVATE
           142 PHOSPHO
           122 ENOL
             2 PHOSPHO ENOL
                  (PHOSPHO(W)ENOL)
            33 PHOSPHOENOL
          1358 PYRUVATE
           141 PEP
          5490 SUPPL####
          5616 AVAILAB?
             6 (PHOSPHOENOLPYRUVATE OR (PHOSPHO ENOL OR PHOSPHOENOL) (W) PYRUVATE
L26
                OR PEP) (4A) (SUPPL#### OR AVAILAB?)
FILE 'BIOSIS'
          6738 PHOSPHOENOLPYRUVATE
         55173 PHOSPHO
          1826 ENOL
           148 PHOSPHO ENOL
                  (PHOSPHO(W)ENOL)
          3598 PHOSPHOENOL
         31615 PYRUVATE
          3255 PEP
         82830 SUPPL####
        206349 AVAILAB?
            34 (PHOSPHOENOLPYRUVATE OR (PHOSPHO ENOL OR PHOSPHOENOL) (W) PYRUVATE
L27
                 OR PEP) (4A) (SUPPL#### OR AVAILAB?)
FILE 'EMBASE'
           3759 PHOSPHOENOLPYRUVATE
           1882 "PHOSPHO"
           1423 "ENOL"
             38 PHOSPHO ENOL
                  ("PHOSPHO"(W) "ENOL")
            158 PHOSPHOENOL
          17239 PYRUVATE
           2258 PEP
          62096 SUPPL####
         207328 AVAILAB?
             27 (PHOSPHOENOLPYRUVATE OR (PHOSPHO ENOL OR PHOSPHOENOL) (W) PYRUVATE
 L28
                 OR PEP) (4A) (SUPPL#### OR AVAILAB?)
 FILE 'HCAPLUS'
           9225 PHOSPHOENOLPYRUVATE
           6137 PHOSPHO
          13928 ENOL
             39 PHOSPHO ENOL
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(PHOSPHO(W) ENOL)
           493 PHOSPHOENOL
         36233 PYRUVATE
          4793 PEP
        146880 SUPPL####
        269875 AVAILAB?
            55 (PHOSPHOENOLPYRUVATE OR (PHOSPHO ENOL OR PHOSPHOENOL) (W) PYRUVATE
L29
                OR PEP) (4A) (SUPPL#### OR AVAILAB?)
FILE 'NTIS'
            36 PHOSPHOENOLPYRUVATE
            46 PHOSPHO
            74 ENOL
             0 PHOSPHO ENOL
                  (PHOSPHO(W)ENOL)
             5 PHOSPHOENOL
           297 PYRUVATE
          1158 PEP
         81632 SUPPL####
        230225 AVAILAB?
            16 (PHOSPHOENOLPYRUVATE OR (PHOSPHO ENOL OR PHOSPHOENOL) (W) PYRUVATE
L30
                OR PEP) (4A) (SUPPL#### OR AVAILAB?)
FILE 'ESBIOBASE'
          1186 PHOSPHOENOLPYRUVATE
           834 PHOSPHO
           263 ENOL
            20 PHOSPHO ENOL
                  (PHOSPHO(W)ENOL)
            45 PHOSPHOENOL
          3597 PYRUVATE
           572 PEP
         14145 SUPPL####
         50728 AVAILAB?
              9 (PHOSPHOENOLPYRUVATE OR (PHOSPHO ENOL OR PHOSPHOENOL) (W) PYRUVATE
T<sub>4</sub>31
                 OR PEP) (4A) (SUPPL#### OR AVAILAB?)
FILE 'BIOTECHNO'
          1947 PHOSPHOENOLPYRUVATE
           980 PHOSPHO
           149 ENOL
             17 PHOSPHO ENOL
                  (PHOSPHO(W)ENOL)
             58 PHOSPHOENOL
          5154 PYRUVATE
           599 PEP
          9608 SUPPL####
         38606 AVAILAB?
            14 (PHOSPHOENOLPYRUVATE OR (PHOSPHO ENOL OR PHOSPHOENOL) (W) PYRUVATE
L32
                 OR PEP) (4A) (SUPPL#### OR AVAILAB?)
TOTAL FOR ALL FILES
           237 (PHOSPHOENOLPYRUVATE OR (PHOSPHO ENOL OR PHOSPHOENOL) (W) PYRUVAT
L33
                E OR PEP) (4A) (SUPPL#### OR AVAILAB?)
=> s phosphotransferase# or phospho transferase#
FILE 'MEDLINE'
         17143 PHOSPHOTRANSFERASE#
           2515 PHOSPHO
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34029 TRANSFERASE# 14 PHOSPHO TRANSFERASE# (PHOSPHO(W) TRANSFERASE#) L34 17151 PHOSPHOTRANSFERASE# OR PHOSPHO TRANSFERASE# FILE 'SCISEARCH' 3786 PHOSPHOTRANSFERASE# 1961 PHOSPHO 27571 TRANSFERASE# 12 PHOSPHO TRANSFERASE# (PHOSPHO(W) TRANSFERASE#) 3796 PHOSPHOTRANSFERASE# OR PHOSPHO TRANSFERASE# L35 FILE 'LIFESCI' 2364 PHOSPHOTRANSFERASE# 923 "PHOSPHO" 9714 TRANSFERASE# 7 PHOSPHO TRANSFERASE# ("PHOSPHO"(W)TRANSFERASE#) 2368 PHOSPHOTRANSFERASE# OR PHOSPHO TRANSFERASE# L36 FILE 'BIOTECHDS' 1618 PHOSPHOTRANSFERASE# 142 PHOSPHO 1549 TRANSFERASE# 0 PHOSPHO TRANSFERASE# (PHOSPHO(W) TRANSFERASE#) 1618 PHOSPHOTRANSFERASE# OR PHOSPHO TRANSFERASE# L37 FILE 'BIOSIS' 5296 PHOSPHOTRANSFERASE# 55173 PHOSPHO 58857 TRANSFERASE# 1749 PHOSPHO TRANSFERASE# (PHOSPHO(W)TRANSFERASE#) 6397 PHOSPHOTRANSFERASE# OR PHOSPHO TRANSFERASE# L38 FILE 'EMBASE' 7100 PHOSPHOTRANSFERASE# 1882 "PHOSPHO" 25872 TRANSFERASE# 6 PHOSPHO TRANSFERASE# ("PHOSPHO"(W)TRANSFERASE#) L39 7105 PHOSPHOTRANSFERASE# OR PHOSPHO TRANSFERASE# FILE 'HCAPLUS' 6267 PHOSPHOTRANSFERASE# 6137 PHOSPHO 33257 TRANSFERASE# 8 PHOSPHO TRANSFERASE# (PHOSPHO(W) TRANSFERASE#) L40 6274 PHOSPHOTRANSFERASE# OR PHOSPHO TRANSFERASE# FILE 'NTIS' 126 PHOSPHOTRANSFERASE# 46 PHOSPHO 713 TRANSFERASE# 0 PHOSPHO TRANSFERASE# (PHOSPHO(W) TRANSFERASE#) 126 PHOSPHOTRANSFERASE# OR PHOSPHO TRANSFERASE# L41

FILE 'ESBIOBASE'

2511 PHOSPHOTRANSFERASE#

834 PHOSPHO

19078 TRANSFERASE#

5 PHOSPHO TRANSFERASE#

(PHOSPHO(W)TRANSFERASE#)

L42 2514 PHOSPHOTRANSFERASE# OR PHOSPHO TRANSFERASE#

FILE 'BIOTECHNO'

4633 PHOSPHOTRANSFERASE#

980 PHOSPHO

11638 TRANSFERASE#

4 PHOSPHO TRANSFERASE#

(PHOSPHO(W)TRANSFERASE#)

L43 4635 PHOSPHOTRANSFERASE# OR PHOSPHO TRANSFERASE#

TOTAL FOR ALL FILES

L44 51984 PHOSPHOTRANSFERASE# OR PHOSPHO TRANSFERASE#

=> s 144 and 111

FILE 'MEDLINE'

L45 13 L34 AND L1

FILE 'SCISEARCH'

L46 20 L35 AND L2

FILE 'LIFESCI'

L47 7 L36 AND L3

FILE 'BIOTECHDS'

L48 5 L37 AND L4

FILE 'BIOSIS'

L49 11 L38 AND L5

FILE 'EMBASE'

L50 8 L39 AND L6

FILE 'HCAPLUS'

L51 12 L40 AND L7

FILE 'NTIS'

L52 1 L41 AND L8

FILE 'ESBIOBASE'

L53 8 L42 AND L9

FILE 'BIOTECHNO'

L54 8 L43 AND L10

TOTAL FOR ALL FILES

L55 93 L44 AND L11

=> s 144(8a)(delet? or inactivat?)

FILE 'MEDLINE'

87427 DELET?

76530 INACTIVAT?

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104 L34(8A) (DELET? OR INACTIVAT?)
L56
FILE 'SCISEARCH'
         71717 DELET?
         58968 INACTIVAT?
            46 L35(8A) (DELET? OR INACTIVAT?)
L57
FILE 'LIFESCI'
         40163 DELET?
         29342 INACTIVAT?
            61 L36(8A) (DELET? OR INACTIVAT?)
L58
FILE 'BIOTECHDS'
          7050 DELET?
          5581 INACTIVAT?
            39 L37(8A) (DELET? OR INACTIVAT?)
L59
FILE 'BIOSIS'
         83620 DELET?
         85386 INACTIVAT?
           109 L38(8A) (DELET? OR INACTIVAT?)
L60
FILE 'EMBASE'
         73850 DELET?
         68050 INACTIVAT?
            73 L39(8A) (DELET? OR INACTIVAT?)
L61
FILE 'HCAPLUS'
         79915 DELET?
         96594 INACTIVAT?
           139 L40(8A) (DELET? OR INACTIVAT?)
L62
FILE 'NTIS'
           4028 DELET?
           1911 INACTIVAT?
              O L41(8A) (DELET? OR INACTIVAT?)
L63
FILE 'ESBIOBASE'
          32736 DELET?
          21336 INACTIVAT?
             15 L42(8A) (DELET? OR INACTIVAT?)
L64
FILE 'BIOTECHNO'
          52605 DELET?
          29669 INACTIVAT?
             46 L43(8A) (DELET? OR INACTIVAT?)
L65
TOTAL FOR ALL FILES
            632 L44(8A) (DELET? OR INACTIVAT?)
 => s 166 and transport?
 FILE 'MEDLINE'
         199769 TRANSPORT?
              9 L56 AND TRANSPORT?
 L67
 FILE 'SCISEARCH'
         284924 TRANSPORT?
              1 L57 AND TRANSPORT?
 L68
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FILE 'LIFESCI'

54644 TRANSPORT?

L69 2 L58 AND TRANSPORT?

FILE 'BIOTECHDS'

3396 TRANSPORT?

L70 1 L59 AND TRANSPORT?

FILE 'BIOSIS'

880765 TRANSPORT?

L71 11 L60 AND TRANSPORT?

FILE 'EMBASE'

202138 TRANSPORT?

L72 9 L61 AND TRANSPORT?

FILE 'HCAPLUS'

494433 TRANSPORT?

L73 16 L62 AND TRANSPORT?

FILE 'NTIS'

126980 TRANSPORT?

L74 0 L63 AND TRANSPORT?

FILE 'ESBIOBASE'

110606 TRANSPORT?

L75 1 L64 AND TRANSPORT?

FILE 'BIOTECHNO'

57183 TRANSPORT?

L76 3 L65 AND TRANSPORT?

TOTAL FOR ALL FILES

L77 53 L66 AND TRANSPORT?

=> s 144 and glucose

FILE 'MEDLINE'

210335 GLUCOSE

L78 2132 L34 AND GLUCOSE

FILE 'SCISEARCH'

131091 GLUCOSE

L79 676 L35 AND GLUCOSE

FILE 'LIFESCI'

33398 GLUCOSE

L80 418 L36 AND GLUCOSE

FILE 'BIOTECHDS'

24919 GLUCOSE

L81 81 L37 AND GLUCOSE

FILE 'BIOSIS'

217611 GLUCOSE

L82 1063 L38 AND GLUCOSE

FILE 'EMBASE'

169880 GLUCOSE

L83 851 L39 AND GLUCOSE

FILE 'HCAPLUS'

245956 GLUCOSE

L84 1184 L40 AND GLUCOSE

FILE 'NTIS'

2781 GLUCOSE

L85 9 L41 AND GLUCOSE

FILE 'ESBIOBASE'

32091 GLUCOSE

L86 334 L42 AND GLUCOSE

FILE 'BIOTECHNO'

32114 GLUCOSE

L87 518 L43 AND GLUCOSE

TOTAL FOR ALL FILES

L88 7266 L44 AND GLUCOSE

=> s 166 and 188

FILE 'MEDLINE'

L89 15 L56 AND L78

FILE 'SCISEARCH'

L90 4 L57 AND L79

FILE 'LIFESCI'

L91 6 L58 AND L80

FILE 'BIOTECHDS'

L92 4 L59 AND L81

FILE 'BIOSIS'

L93 16 L60 AND L82

FILE 'EMBASE'

L94 14 L61 AND L83

FILE 'HCAPLUS'

L95 19 L62 AND L84

FILE 'NTIS'

L96 0 L63 AND L85

FILE 'ESBIOBASE'

L97 3 L64 AND L86

FILE 'BIOTECHNO'

L98 7 L65 AND L87

TOTAL FOR ALL FILES

L99 88 L66 AND L88

=> s 188 and transport

FILE 'MEDLINE'

169094 TRANSPORT

L100 590 L78 AND TRANSPORT

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303 L79 AND TRANSPORT
L101
FILE 'LIFESCI'
         44285 TRANSPORT
           165 L80 AND TRANSPORT
L102
FILE 'BIOTECHDS'
          2625 TRANSPORT
            16 L81 AND TRANSPORT
L103
FILE 'BIOSIS'
        853558 TRANSPORT
           356 L82 AND TRANSPORT
L104
FILE 'EMBASE'
        183212 TRANSPORT
           373 L83 AND TRANSPORT
L105
FILE 'HCAPLUS'
        445874 TRANSPORT
           486 L84 AND TRANSPORT
L106
FILE 'NTIS'
         73937 TRANSPORT
L107
              3 L85 AND TRANSPORT
FILE 'ESBIOBASE'
        103397 TRANSPORT
           162 L86 AND TRANSPORT
L108
FILE 'BIOTECHNO'
         50543 TRANSPORT
           248 L87 AND TRANSPORT
L109
TOTAL FOR ALL FILES
          2702 L88 AND TRANSPORT
=> s l110 and (phosphoenolpyruvate or (phospho enol or phosphoenol)(w)pyruvate or
pep)
FILE 'MEDLINE'
           5527 PHOSPHOENOLPYRUVATE
           2515 PHOSPHO
            596 ENOL
             55 PHOSPHO ENOL
                  (PHOSPHO(W)ENOL)
            206 PHOSPHOENOL
          20967 PYRUVATE
            230 (PHOSPHO ENOL OR PHOSPHOENOL) (W) PYRUVATE
           2442 PEP
            310 L100 AND (PHOSPHOENOLPYRUVATE OR (PHOSPHO ENOL OR PHOSPHOENOL) (W
 L111
                ) PYRUVATE OR PEP)
 FILE 'SCISEARCH'
           4795 PHOSPHOENOLPYRUVATE
           1961 PHOSPHO
           5686 ENOL
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FILE 'SCISEARCH'

252462 TRANSPORT

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58 PHOSPHO ENOL
                 (PHOSPHO(W)ENOL)
           187 PHOSPHOENOL
         15215 PYRUVATE
           228 (PHOSPHO ENOL OR PHOSPHOENOL) (W) PYRUVATE
          2080 PEP
           206 L101 AND (PHOSPHOENOLPYRUVATE OR (PHOSPHO ENOL OR PHOSPHOENOL) (W
L112
               ) PYRUVATE OR PEP)
FILE 'LIFESCI'
          1795 PHOSPHOENOLPYRUVATE
           923 "PHOSPHO"
           206 "ENOL"
            17 PHOSPHO ENOL
                  ("PHOSPHO" (W) "ENOL")
           101 PHOSPHOENOL
          4911 PYRUVATE
           108 (PHOSPHO ENOL OR PHOSPHOENOL) (W) PYRUVATE
           720 PEP
           120 L102 AND (PHOSPHOENOLPYRUVATE OR (PHOSPHO ENOL OR PHOSPHOENOL) (W
L113
                ) PYRUVATE OR PEP)
FILE 'BIOTECHDS'
           304 PHOSPHOENOLPYRUVATE
           142 PHOSPHO
            122 ENOL
              2 PHOSPHO ENOL
                  (PHOSPHO(W)ENOL)
             33 PHOSPHOENOL
           1358 PYRUVATE
             32 (PHOSPHO ENOL OR PHOSPHOENOL) (W) PYRUVATE
            141 PEP
             10 L103 AND (PHOSPHOENOLPYRUVATE OR (PHOSPHO ENOL OR PHOSPHOENOL) (W
L114
                ) PYRUVATE OR PEP)
FILE 'BIOSIS'
           6738 PHOSPHOENOLPYRUVATE
          55173 PHOSPHO
           1826 ENOL
            148 PHOSPHO ENOL
                  (PHOSPHO(W)ENOL)
           3598 PHOSPHOENOL
          31615 PYRUVATE
           3685 (PHOSPHO ENOL OR PHOSPHOENOL) (W) PYRUVATE
           3255 PEP
            241 L104 AND (PHOSPHOENOLPYRUVATE OR (PHOSPHO ENOL OR PHOSPHOENOL) (W
 L115
                ) PYRUVATE OR PEP)
 FILE 'EMBASE'
           3759 PHOSPHOENOLPYRUVATE
           1882 "PHOSPHO"
           1423 "ENOL"
             38 PHOSPHO ENOL
                   ("PHOSPHO"(W) "ENOL")
            158 PHOSPHOENOL
          17239 PYRUVATE
            179 (PHOSPHO ENOL OR PHOSPHOENOL) (W) PYRUVATE
           2258 PEP
            234 L105 AND (PHOSPHOENOLPYRUVATE OR (PHOSPHO ENOL OR PHOSPHOENOL) (W
 L116
                 ) PYRUVATE OR PEP)
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FILE 'HCAPLUS'
          9225 PHOSPHOENOLPYRUVATE
          6137 PHOSPHO
         13928 ENOL
            39 PHOSPHO ENOL
                  (PHOSPHO(W)ENOL)
           493 PHOSPHOENOL
         36233 PYRUVATE
           466 (PHOSPHO ENOL OR PHOSPHOENOL) (W) PYRUVATE
          4793 PEP
           362 L106 AND (PHOSPHOENOLPYRUVATE OR (PHOSPHO ENOL OR PHOSPHOENOL) (W
L117
               ) PYRUVATE OR PEP)
FILE 'NTIS'
            36 PHOSPHOENOLPYRUVATE
            46 PHOSPHO
            74 ENOL
             0 PHOSPHO ENOL
                  (PHOSPHO(W)ENOL)
             5 PHOSPHOENOL
           297 PYRUVATE
             3 (PHOSPHO ENOL OR PHOSPHOENOL) (W) PYRUVATE
          1158 PEP
             3 L107 AND (PHOSPHOENOLPYRUVATE OR (PHOSPHO ENOL OR PHOSPHOENOL) (W
L118
                ) PYRUVATE OR PEP)
FILE 'ESBIOBASE'
          1186 PHOSPHOENOLPYRUVATE
            834 PHOSPHO
            263 ENOL
             20 PHOSPHO ENOL
                  (PHOSPHO(W)ENOL)
             45 PHOSPHOENOL
           3597 PYRUVATE
             63 (PHOSPHO ENOL OR PHOSPHOENOL) (W) PYRUVATE
            572 PEP
             84 L108 AND (PHOSPHOENOLPYRUVATE OR (PHOSPHO ENOL OR PHOSPHOENOL) (W
L119
                ) PYRUVATE OR PEP)
FILE 'BIOTECHNO'
           1947 PHOSPHOENOLPYRUVATE
            980 PHOSPHO
            149 ENOL
             17 PHOSPHO ENOL
                  (PHOSPHO(W) ENOL)
             58 PHOSPHOENOL
           5154 PYRUVATE
             69 (PHOSPHO ENOL OR PHOSPHOENOL) (W) PYRUVATE
            599 PEP
            157 L109 AND (PHOSPHOENOLPYRUVATE OR (PHOSPHO ENOL OR PHOSPHOENOL) (W
 L120
                ) PYRUVATE OR PEP)
 TOTAL FOR ALL FILES
           1727 L110 AND (PHOSPHOENOLPYRUVATE OR (PHOSPHO ENOL OR PHOSPHOENOL) (W
 T.121
                ) PYRUVATE OR PEP)
 \Rightarrow s 1121 and mut/q
 FILE 'MEDLINE'
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L122 194 L111 AND MUT/Q

FILE 'SCISEARCH'

L123 122 L112 AND MUT/Q

FILE 'LIFESCI'

L124 61 L113 AND MUT/Q

FILE 'BIOTECHDS'

L125 8 L114 AND MUT/Q

FILE 'BIOSIS'

L126 . 134 L115 AND MUT/Q

FILE 'EMBASE'

L127 131 L116 AND MUT/Q

FILE 'HCAPLUS'

L128 187 L117 AND MUT/Q

FILE 'NTIS'

L129 2 L118 AND MUT/Q

FILE 'ESBIOBASE'

L130 53 L119 AND MUT/Q

FILE 'BIOTECHNO'

L131 95 L120 AND MUT/Q

TOTAL FOR ALL FILES

L132 987 L121 AND MUT/Q

=> s 1132 and (aromatic or shikimate)

FILE 'MEDLINE'

20282 AROMATIC

282 SHIKIMATE

L133 2 L122 AND (AROMATIC OR SHIKIMATE)

FILE 'SCISEARCH'

67941 AROMATIC

640 SHIKIMATE

L134 3 L123 AND (AROMATIC OR SHIKIMATE)

FILE 'LIFESCI'

10616 AROMATIC

228 SHIKIMATE

L135 2 L124 AND (AROMATIC OR SHIKIMATE)

FILE 'BIOTECHDS'

4057 AROMATIC

86 SHIKIMATE

L136 1 L125 AND (AROMATIC OR SHIKIMATE)

FILE 'BIOSIS'

37167 AROMATIC

957 SHIKIMATE

L137 2 L126 AND (AROMATIC OR SHIKIMATE)

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32677 AROMATIC
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FILE 'HCAPLUS'
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        222721 AROM
        272472 AROMATIC
                 (AROMATIC OR AROM)
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L139
FILE 'NTIS'
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             8 SHIKIMATE
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L140
FILE 'ESBIOBASE'
          8986 AROMATIC
           168 SHIKIMATE
             1 L130 AND (AROMATIC OR SHIKIMATE)
L141
FILE 'BIOTECHNO'
          9121 AROMATIC
           158 SHIKIMATE
             2 L131 AND (AROMATIC OR SHIKIMATE)
L142
TOTAL FOR ALL FILES
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pep)
FILE 'MEDLINE'
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          2515 PHOSPHO
           596 ENOL
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                  (PHOSPHO(W) ENOL)
           206 PHOSPHOENOL
          20967 PYRUVATE
           230 (PHOSPHO ENOL OR PHOSPHOENOL) (W) PYRUVATE
           2442 PEP
              6 L12 AND (PHOSPHOENOLPYRUVATE OR (PHOSPHO ENOL OR PHOSPHOENOL) (W)
L144
                PYRUVATE OR PEP)
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           1961 PHOSPHO
           5686 ENOL
             58 PHOSPHO ENOL
                  (PHOSPHO(W)ENOL)
            187 PHOSPHOENOL
          15215 PYRUVATE
            228 (PHOSPHO ENOL OR PHOSPHOENOL) (W) PYRUVATE
           2080 PEP
              9 L13 AND (PHOSPHOENOLPYRUVATE OR (PHOSPHO ENOL OR PHOSPHOENOL) (W)
 L145
                PYRUVATE OR PEP)
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FILE 'LIFESCI'

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           923 "PHOSPHO"
           206 "ENOL"
            17 PHOSPHO ENOL
                 ("PHOSPHO"(W)"ENOL")
           101 PHOSPHOENOL
          4911 PYRUVATE
           108 (PHOSPHO ENOL OR PHOSPHOENOL) (W) PYRUVATE
           720 PEP
             8 L14 AND (PHOSPHOENOLPYRUVATE OR (PHOSPHO ENOL OR PHOSPHOENOL) (W)
L146
               PYRUVATE OR PEP)
FILE 'BIOTECHDS'
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           142 PHOSPHO
           122 ENOL
             2 PHOSPHO ENOL
                 (PHOSPHO(W) ENOL)
            33 PHOSPHOENOL
          1358 PYRUVATE
            32 (PHOSPHO ENOL OR PHOSPHOENOL) (W) PYRUVATE
           141 PEP
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               PYRUVATE OR PEP)
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         31615 PYRUVATE
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           3255 PEP
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L148
                PYRUVATE OR PEP)
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           2258 PEP
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L149
                PYRUVATE OR PEP)
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L172
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The present invention further provides a method for increasing carbon flow for the biosynthesis of DAHP in a host cell comprising the steps of transforming into the host cell recombinant DNA comprising a pps gene so that Pps is expressed at enhanced levels relative to wild type host cells, concentrating the transformed cells through centrifugation, resuspending the cells in a minimal, nutrient lean medium, fermenting the resuspended cells, and isolating DAHP from the medium.

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In one embodiment, the present invention comprises a method for <u>increasing</u> <u>carbon flow</u> into the common aromatic pathway of a host cell by increasing the production of DAHP through the overexpression of Pps at the appropriate point in the common aromatic pathway to provide additional PEP at the point where PEP condenses with E4P. <u>Increasing carbon flow</u> requires the step of transforming the host cell with recombinant DNA containing a pps genes so that Pps is overexpressed at enhanced levels relative to wild type host cells. DAHP is then produced by fermentation of the transformed cell in a nutrient medium which the DAHP can be extracted from the medium on a batch wise or continuous extraction procedure.

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Another embodiment of the present invention is a method for enhancing a host cell's biosynthetic production of compounds derived from the common aromatic pathway. This method involves the step of increasing expression of Pps in the host cell relative to a wild type host cell. The step of increasing expression of Pps can include transferring into the host cell a vector carrying the pps gene. The overexpression of Pps results in forcing increased carbon flow into the biosynthesis of DAHP.

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Besides being used in the biosynthesis of DAHP, PEP is used as a phosphate donor in the phosphotransferase system (PTS) which is responsible for glucose uptake. Additionally, PEP can be converted to pyruvate by pyruvate kinases and to oxaloacetate by phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase. All such competing pathways limit the availability of PEP for the biosynthesis of DAHP and all metabolites derived from the common aromatic pathway or pathways branching therefrom.

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A key component of the methods of the present invention directed at <u>increased</u> <u>carbon flux</u> commitment to DAHP and DAHP metabolites is the recycling of pyruvate to PEP. Pyruvate is available in host cells as an end product of glycolysis.

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This example demonstrates that the E. coli AB2847 is unable to utilize DAHP, and accumulates DAHP in the medium if DAHP synthase is overexpressed. This strain was used as a host for detecting the flux committed to the aromatic pathways. Since Draths et al. (Draths, K. M., D. L. Pompliano, D. L. Conley, J. W. Frost, A. Berry, G. L. Disbrow, R. J. Staversky, and J. C. Lievense, "Biocatalytic synthesis of aromatics from D-glucose: The role of transketolase, "J. Am. Chem. Soc., 1992, 114, 3956-3962) have shown a possible limitation in the production of DAHP by E4P, pAT1 (containing both aroG.sup.fbr and tktA) was transformed into AB2847 to eliminate the limitation of E4P. To test whether <u>PEP supply limits DAHP production</u>, <u>PEP</u> synthase (Pps) was overexpressed in AB2847/pAT1 by transforming plasmid pPS341 into this strain. 20-70 copies of the pps gene were expressed in the host cells. As a control, pPS341 was substituted by pPS341X1, which encodes an inactive, but stable pps gene product. The use of the inactive Pps control allowed discrimination between the effect of Pps activity and that of protein overexpression. AB2847/pAT1/pUHE23-2 and AB2847/pAT1 were also used without any other plasmid as additional controls to identify the effect of the cloning vector, pUHE23-2, on DAHP production.

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To determine whether the Pps effect requires overexpressed transketolase (Tkt) as well, plasmid pRW5, which contains only aroG.sup.fbr, was used in place of pAT1 in the above experiments. It was found that overproduction of Pps did not increase the DAHP production (FIG. 2A) without the elevated Tkt activity. Therefore, as limitation of small molecules in the biosynthesis of DAHP is concerned, the first limitation arises from the supply of E4P. This bottleneck

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Since PEP is also converted to OAA by Ppc, the deletion of this enzyme may increase the supply of PEP. Therefore, the ppc gene on the chromosome of AB2847 was inactivated to determine whether DAHP production could be increased without Pps overexpression. This was done by transducing AB2847 with a P1 lysate grown on JCL1242 ppc::Km. The resulting transductant, JCL1283 aroB ppc::Km was then transformed with pAT1 or pRW5 and tested for DAHP production in the re-suspension culture as described above. To avoid limitation of OAA in the ppc strain, the culture medium was supplemented with succinate, which was shown to have no effect on DAHP production (data not shown). Contrary to the expectation, ppc mutation did not increase the production of DAHP (FIG. 2B), suggesting that the metabolic flux from PEP to OAA was not significant under the experimental conditions tested here. In fact, the ppc mutation actually decreased the DAHP production for unknown reasons.

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TITLE: Microorganisms and methods for overproduction of DAHP by cloned PPS

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ABSTRACT:

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TITLE: Procedure to increase the seed productivity of plants and to accelerate the growth of plants by means of an additional plastidic pyruvate, phosphate

dikinase

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NAME CITY STATE ZIP CODE COUNTRY Sheriff; Ahmed D-12305 Berlin N/A N/A DEX US-CL-CURRENT: 435/419,530/370 ,536/23.6 ,800/278 ,800/290 ,800/298 ABSTRACT:

The present invention includes novel methods for increasing the seed productivity or accelerating the growth rate of a plant and plants produced by such methods. Such plants have at least one cell transformed with an expression complex comprising a promoter operably linked to a gene encoding a pyruvate phosphate dikinase which is capable of converting pyruvate into phosphoenolpyruvate. The plants are made by transforming at least one plant cell with an appropriate expression construct, regenerating plants from one or more transformed plant cells and selecting at least one plant having the desired phenotype.

7 Claims, 16 Drawing figures Exemplary Claim Number: 1 Number of Drawing Sheets:

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Latzko and Kelly (1983) suggested another ten biochemical reason for the occurrence of PEPCase. But, these other purposes do not bring about immediate energetical advantages. Phosphoenolpyruvate is a substrate for PEPCase. It can, for example, be generated from pyruvate by PPDK and, maybe PEPCase is limited by the supply of phosphoenolpyruvate. The enzymatic characteristics and metabolic functions of PPDK from non-photosynthetically active tissues are only poorly understood (Fi.beta.lthaler et al. 1995; Rosche et al. 1994).

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FIG. 3: Schematic drawing of the binary vectors with the M. crystallinum PPDK-insertion. .DELTA. represents a deletion of 183 bp at the 5'-end. The PPDK cDNA-sequence from M. crystallinum is 3173 bp long (Fi.beta.lthaler et al. 1995). The transnational start-codon is at position 63. The termination codon is at position 1920. The protein deduced from the cDNA sequence contains 949 amino acids (aa), which corresponds to a relative molecular mass (M.sub.r) of 103244 daltons. The presequence has a length of 74 aa. The mature plastidic enzyme has a M.sub.r of 94 kDa. 5'- and 3'-untranslated parts of the cDNA are indicated as terminal hatched boxes (left 5'-, right 3'-untranslated region; the dotted box represents the plastid presequence with three ATGs in the open reading frame). The T-DNA contained a neomycin phosphotransferase (nptll, kanamycin resistance) with plant regulatory elements. 358 CaMV: promoter of the cauliflower mosaic virus; ocs polyA: polyadenylation signal of the octopin synthase gene from A. tumefaciens; BR, BL: right, left borders of the T-DNA of Agrobacterium tumefaciens; Km: kanamycin resistance with prokaryotic regulational elements (Beven 1984). Transformation of the tobacco plants by A. tumefaciens was performed according to Horsch et al. (1985).

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TITLE: Promoters derived from the maize phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase gene

involved in C.sub.4 photosynthesis

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A plasmid comprising a phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase gene and promoter isolated from maize. The phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase gene encodes a phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase isozyme involved in C.sub.4 photosynthesis and which is not expressed in seeds.

6 Claims, 36 Drawing figures Exemplary Claim Number: 2 Number of Drawing Sheets: 30

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Alternatively, the suspension may be resuspended in fresh medium containing cefotaxime and allowed to grow an additional 4 to 28 days prior plating on solidified medium in Petri dishes. Cell concentration is 1 vol. of suspension cells plus 3 vol. of medium with cefotaxime. Kanamycin at 10 to 300 mg/l preferably about 20 to 200 mg/l more preferably about 40 to 80 mg/l is included in the medium for selection of transformed cells expressing the neomycin phosphotransferase (NPT) gene. Cells and embryos proliferating in the selective concentration of kanamycin are further grown as set forth above to mature somatic embryos capable of germinating and regenerating into whole plants according to the procedures described herein.

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Immunoprecipitation of in vitro translation products with Staphylococcus aureus Cowan 1 strain cells (IgGsorb supplied by The Enzyme Center, Boston, Mass.) was performed as described by Cullen et al. (1976) J. Immunol. 117 136-142, which is incorporated herein by reference. Antibodies against maize PEP carboxylase (supplied by Sigma Chemical Corp. St Louis, Mo.) were prepared by Antibodies Inc. (Davis, Calif.). Proteins were analyzed by SDS polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis in 5-15% gradient slab gels run at 3 V/cm for 16 hr. The gels were treated with EN.sup.3 HANCE (supplied by New England Nuclear), dried and exposed for 16-72 hr to X-ray film at -70.degree. C. with an intensifying screen.

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Two T-DNA PstI cleaved right border sequences from A. tumefaciens (strain C-58) were further subdivided with BamHI for integration in the plant genome, a passenger maize phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase gene described above as the insert of Hl.lambda.14, and a chimeric gene (NOS/NPT/TK) capable of expression in plants and conferring resistance to the antibiotics kanamycin and G418 were ligated into pRK290 which contains a wide host range replicon required for replication in A. tumefaciens. This chimeric gene utilizes a nopaline synthetase promoter, the neomycin phosphotransferase II coding region from Tn5, and the terminator from the herpes simplex virus thymidine kinase gene. The resultant plasmid, designated DEI PEP 10, is shown in FIG. 33. The complete DEI PEP 10 is given in Hudspeth (1988, Ph.D. Thesis) and incorporated herein by reference.

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The suspension culture as obtained in Example 12 was transformed using an Agrobacteria which contained the T-DNA containing binary vector pCIB10

[Rothstein et al., Gene 53 153-161 (1987), incorporated herein by reference] as well as the pAL4404 vir-plasmid. The T-DNA of pCIB10 contains a chimeric gene composed of the promoter from nopaline synthase, the coding region from Tn5 encoding the enzyme neomycin phosphotransferase, and the terminator from nopaline synthase. The Agrobacteria containing pCIB10 were grown on YEB medium containing kanamycin (50 .mu.g/ml). Transformation was accomplished in the same manner as in Example 13 except that the 1 ml aliquots resulting in cells and Agrobacteria were immediately plated on selective media containing either kanamycin (50 .mu.g/ml) or G418 (25 .mu.g/ml). Expression of the nos/neo/nos chimeric gene in transformed plant tissue allows the selection of this tissue in the presence of both antibiotics. The existence in two to four weeks of transformed tissue became apparent on the selection plates. Uninfected tissue as well as added control tissue showed no signs of growth, turned brown and died. Transformed tissue grew very well in the presence of both kanamycin and G418.

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The transformation procedure of Example 13 was followed except there was used as the transforming Agrobacteria one containing the T-DNA binary vector pCIB715 [Rothstein et al. Gene 53 153-161 (1987)] as well as the vir plasmid. The T-DNA of pCIB715 contains a chimeric gene composed of the promoter and terminator from the cauliflower mosaic virus (CaMV) 35S transcript [Odell et al., Nature 313 810-812 (1985), incorporated herein by reference] and the coding sequence for hygromycin B phosphotransferase [Gritz et al., Gene 25 179-188 (1983) incorporated herein by reference]. Agrobacteria containing pCIB715 was grown on YEB containing kanamycin (50 .mu.g/ml).

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A plasmid containing the gene for expression of kanamycin resistance in plants was constructed (see FIGS. 22 and 23). Plasmid Bin6 obtained from Dr. M. Bevan, Plant Breeding Institute, Cambridge, UK. This plasmid is described in the reference by Bevan [Nucl. Acids Res. 12 8711-8721 (1984) incorporate herein by reference]. Plasmid Bin6 DNA was digested with EcoRI and HindIII and the fragment approximately 1.5 kb in size containing the chimeric neomycin phosphotransferase (NPT) gene is isolated and purified following agarose gel electrophoresis. This fragment was then mixed with plasmid pUC18 DNA which had

been cleaved with endonucleases EcoRI and HindIII. Following incubation with T4 DNA ligase, the resulting DNA was transformed into E. coli strain HB101. The resulting plasmid is called pUC18/neo. This plasmid DNA containing an unwanted BamHI recognition sequence between the neomycin phosphotransferase gene and the terminator sequence for nopaline synthase [see Bevan Nucl. Acids Res. 12 8711-8721 (1984) incorporated herein by reference]. To remove this recognition sequence, plasmid pUC18/neo was digested with endoruclease BamHI, followed by treatment with the large fragment of DNA polymerase to create flush ends. The fragment was then incubated with T4 DNA ligase to recircularize the fragment, and transformed into E. coli strain HB101. The resulting plasmid, pUC18/neo(Bam) has lost the BamHI recognition sequence.

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TITLE: Genetically engineered microorganisms and method for producing

4-hydroxybenzoic acid

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The present invention pertains to a method for economical biofermentative production of 4-hydroxybenzoic acid (PHB) using genetically engineered E. coli. According to the invention, a plasmid is provided which controls the overexpression of chorismate pyruvate lyase, the bacterial enzyme which catalyzes the production of PHB from chorismate. Mutant E. coli selected with a unique two-step screening assay to overproduce chorismate have been transformed with this plasmid, providing a biocatalyst that efficiently converts glucose to PHB.

17 Claims, 3 Drawing figures
Exemplary Claim Number: 1
Number of Drawing Sheets: 3

DEPR:

In E. coli, transformation of glucose to PHB involves approximately fifteen different enzymatic steps. FIG. 1 provides a summary of the important intermediates in the pathway. The ubiC gene product, CPL, is a likely candidate for amplification because of the low product turnover of CPL, and because it exists at a major branch in the metabolic pathway. At this point in the biosynthetic pathway, CPL's substrate, chorismate, may be converted to PHB, to prephenic acid (PPA) and the aromatic amino acids, or to a variety of other products. Therefore, increasing the carbon flow of metabolism toward chorismate increases the substrate available for conversion into PHB, and also increases the substrate available to the aromatic amino acid pathway through PPA, and to other products. Thus, cells which produce more chorismate and thus more PHB also produce more aromatic amino acids.

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ABSTRACT:

Genetic elements comprising expression vectors and a gene coding for phosphoenol pyruvate synthase is utilized to enhance diversion of carbon resources into the common aromatic pathway and pathways branching therefrom. The overexpression of phosphoenol pyruvate synthase increases DAHP production to near theoretical yields.

29 Claims, 14 Drawing figures
Exemplary Claim Number: 1
Number of Drawing Sheets: 6

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The overproduction of transketolase in the transformed cells has been found to provide an increased flow of carbon resources into the common aromatic pathway relative to carbon resource utilization in whole cells that do not harbor such genetic elements. However, the increased carbon flux may be further enhanced by additional manipulation of the host strain.

BSPR:

The present invention further provides methods of increasing carbon flow into the common aromatic pathway of a host cell comprising the step of transforming the host cell with recombinant DNA comprising a pps gene so that Pps is expressed at appropriate point in the metabolic pathways at enhanced levels relative to wild type host cells.

DEPR:

Besides the use of the pps gene, the present invention also provides for transfer of genetic elements comprising the tkt gene, the gene coding for DAHP synthase (aroF in E. coli), the gene coding for 3-dehydroquinate synthase (aroB in E. coli), or other genes encoding enzymes that catalyze reactions in the common aromatic pathway. Such a cell transformation can be achieved by transferring one or more plasmids that contain genes that code for enzymes that increase the carbon flux for DAHP synthesis and for subsequent synthesis of other desired cyclic, pre-aromatic, and aromatic metabolites. As a result of this transfer of genetic element(s), more carbon enters and moves through the common aromatic pathway relative to wild type host cells not containing the genetic elements of the present invention.

DEPR:

In one embodiment, the present invention comprises a method for increasing carbon flow into the common aromatic pathway of a host cell by increasing the production of DAHP through the overexpression of Pps at the appropriate point in the common aromatic pathway to provide additional PEP at the point where PEP condenses with E4P. Increasing carbon flow requires the step of transforming the host cell with recombinant DNA containing a pps genes so that Pps is overexpressed at enhanced levels relative to wild type host cells. DAHP is then produced by fermentation of the transformed cell in a nutrient medium which the DAHP can be extracted from the medium on a batch wise or continuous extraction procedure.

DEPR:

Another embodiment of the present invention is a method for enhancing a host cell's biosynthetic production of compounds derived from the common aromatic

pathway. This method involves the step of increasing expression of Pps in the host cell relative to a wild type host cell. The step of increasing expression of Pps can include transferring into the host cell a vector carrying the pps gene. The overexpression of Pps results in forcing increased carbon flow into the biosynthesis of DAHP.

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Besides being used in the biosynthesis of DAHP, PEP is used as a phosphate donor in the phosphotransferase system (PTS) which is responsible for glucose uptake. Additionally, PEP can be converted to pyruvate by pyruvate kinases and to oxaloacetate by phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase. All such competing pathways limit the availability of PEP for the biosynthesis of DAHP and all metabolites derived from the common aromatic pathway or pathways branching therefrom.

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This example demonstrates that the E. coli AB2847 is unable to utilize DAHP, and accumulates DAHP in the medium if DAHP synthase is overexpressed. This strain was used as a host for detecting the flux committed to the aromatic pathways. Since Draths et al. (Draths, K. M., D. L. Pompliano, D. L. Conley, J. W. Frost, A. Berry, G. L. Disbrow, R. J. Staversky, and J. C. Lievense, "Biocatalytic synthesis of aromatics from D-glucose: The role of transketolase," J. Am. Chem. Soc., 1992, 114, 3956-3962) have shown a possible limitation in the production of DAHP by E4P, pAT1 (containing both aroG.sup.fbr and tktA) was transformed into AB2847 to eliminate the limitation of E4P. test whether PEP supply limits DAHP production, PEP synthase (Pps) was overexpressed in AB2847/pAT1 by transforming plasmid pPS341 into this strain. 20-70 copies of the pps gene were expressed in the host cells. As a control, pPS341 was substituted by pPS341X1, which encodes an inactive, but stable pps gene product. The use of the inactive Pps control allowed discrimination between the effect of Pps activity and that of protein overexpression. AB2847/pAT1/pUHE23-2 and AB2847/pAT1 were also used without any other plasmid as additional controls to identify the effect of the cloning vector, pUHE23-2, on DAHP production.

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ABSTRACT:

There is provided an improved process for the biosynthetic production of indigo, the improvement comprising removing unwanted by-products such as isatin or indirubin from the broth in which such indigo is produced. Isatin can be removed by enzymatic activity using an isatin-removing enzyme such as an isatin hydrolase, or by other techniques such as process parameters (elevated temperature, pH), or by contacting the broth containing the isatin with appropriate adsorption compounds/compositions such as carbon or appropriate resins. Since isatin is the precursor of indirubin, the indirubin levels are decreased as a result of isatin removal.

3 Claims, 16 Drawing figures
Exemplary Claim Number: 1
Number of Drawing Sheets: 13

BSPR:

Tryptophan pathway genes useful in securing biosynthetic indole accumulation include a trp operon, isolated from a microorganism as a purified DNA molecule that encodes an enzymatic pathway capable of directing the biosynthesis of L-tryptophan from chorismic acid. (A. J. Pittard (1987) Biosynthesis of Aromatic Amino Acids in Escherichia coli and Salmonella typhimurium, F. C. Neidhardt, ed., American Society for Microbiology, publisher, pp. 368-394.) Indole accumulation is enabled by modification of one or more of the pathway's structural elements and/or regulatory regions. This modified trp operon may then be introduced into a suitable host such as a microorganism, plant tissue culture system or other suitable expression system. It should be noted that the term "indole accumulation" does not necessarily indicate that indole actually accumulates intracellularly. Instead, this term can indicate that there is an increased flux of carbon to indole and indole is made available as a substrate for intracellular catalytic reactions such as indoxyl formation and other than the formation of L-tryptophan. In the context of this invention, the "accumulated" indole may be consumed in the conversion of indole to indoxyl by an oxygenase such as the aromatic dioxygenase NDO, or an aromatic monooxygenase such as TMO, or it may actually build up intracellularly and extracellularly, as would be the case when the desired end product is indole or one of its derivatives.